

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-17 (Cancelled)

18. (Previously Presented) An installation assembly for use with elevator systems, comprising;

a first platform;

a first holding device associated with the first platform, the first holding device having an operative position to maintain a vertical position of the first platform relative to a guide rail by engaging a flat, vertical surface of the guide rail for preventing movement of the first platform in a first direction and permitting movement of the platform from the maintained position in a direction opposite to the first direction;

a second platform;

a second holding device associated with the second platform, the second holding device having an operative position to maintain a vertical position of the second platform relative to the guide rail by engaging a flat, vertical surface of the guide rail for preventing movement of the second platform in the first direction and permitting movement of the second platform from the maintained position in the direction opposite to the first direction; and

a moving mechanism that incrementally moves the platforms in the one direction.

19. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 18, wherein the moving mechanism cyclically urges the first and second platforms toward and away from each other.

20. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 19, wherein the holding devices operate to allow only one of the first or second platforms to move at a time responsive to the urging of the moving mechanism.

21. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 18, wherein the moving mechanism includes a linkage assembly connected to the platforms for sequentially pushing the first platform away from the second platform in the one direction then pulling the second platform toward the first platform in the one direction.

22. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 21, wherein the linkage assembly comprises a rotatable drive shaft having a first end connected to a mover, a lever connected to an opposite end of the drive shaft, and a connecting link having a first end rotatably connected to the lever such that rotation of the drive shaft causes movement of the connecting link to push and pull the platforms away from and toward each other, respectively.

23. (Previously Presented) The assembly in claim 18, where the moving mechanism comprises a pressurized actuator.

24. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 18, wherein the first and second holding devices comprise elevator safety devices that are adapted to engage the guide rail to allow movement in the one direction and to prevent movement in the opposite direction

25. (Previously Presented) A device for moving a platform along guide rails in an elevator system, comprising:

- a first platform;

- a second platform;

- a moving mechanism between the first and second platforms and coupled to the platforms that sequentially urges the platforms toward and away from each other to cause incremental movement of the platforms in a desired direction along the guide rails, the moving mechanism includes at least one linkage arm that is moveable responsive to rotary movement of at least one other member to urge the platforms toward and away from each other; and

- a holding device associated with each of the platforms, the holding devices allowing movement of the platforms along the guide rails in the desired direction and preventing movement of the platforms in a direction opposite to the desired direction, the holding devices engaging a vertical, flat surface of the guide rails when preventing movement of the platforms in the direction that is opposite to the desired direction.

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 25, wherein the at least one other member of the moving mechanism comprises a lever member coupled with the linkage arm such that rotary movement of the lever member causes generally linear movement of the linkage arm.

28. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 27, wherein the lever member is coupled to a rotatable drive shaft.

29. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 28, wherein the drive shaft and ~~lever~~lever member are supported on the second platform, one end of the linkage arm is coupled with the lever and an opposite end of the linkage arm is coupled with the first platform.

30. (Previously Presented) A device for moving a platform along guide rails in an elevator system, comprising:

- a first platform;

- a second platform;

- a moving mechanism comprising a pressurized actuator between the first and second platforms and coupled to the platforms that sequentially urges the platforms toward and away from each other to cause incremental movement of the platforms in a desired direction along the guide rails; and

- a holding device associated with each of the platforms, the holding devices allowing movement of the platforms along the guide rails in the desired direction and preventing movement of the platforms along the guide rails in a direction that is opposite to the desired direction, the holding devices engaging a vertical, flat surface of the guide rails when preventing movement of the platforms in the direction that is opposite to the desired direction.

31. (Cancelled)

32. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 30 including two of the holding devices associated with each of the platforms, each of the holding devices comprising an elevator safety device having at least one of a roller or a wedge for engaging the surface on one of the guide rails.

33. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 25 including two of the holding devices associated with each of the platforms, each of the holding devices comprising an elevator safety device having at least one of a roller or a wedge for engaging the surface on one of the guide rails.

34. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 18 including two of the holding devices associated with each of the platforms, each of the holding devices comprising an elevator safety device having at least one of a roller or a wedge for engaging the surface on one of the guide rails.